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## News of South Richmond

### NEGRO SHOT BY SYRIAN

Angered Because Engineer Permitted Machine to Run Too Fast.

Without warning, Abraham Watkins, colored, engineer at the Davis Brick Company's plant, at Fourteenth and Maury streets, was shot down yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock by James Kouri, a Syrian laborer, who, angered, it is said, by being worked too fast, quit work and going to his home procured a revolver, with which he returned to the plant and opened fire on Watkins, whom he held as the author of his troubles. The negro was struck twice. Neither bullet found a vital spot, and although he was dangerously wounded, his chances for recovery are excellent. Kouri, after standing around the plant for several minutes, calmly walked off. He was pursued by a posse headed by Captain A. S. Wright and Officer J. B. Westcott, but up to a late hour last night had not been apprehended.

Kouri has been working at the brick yards for nearly a year. He attends to the operation of a pressing machine. Watkins, in the capacity of engineer, controls the speed. Because of a defect in the engine, he was unable to regulate it. This angered Kouri, who left the plant muttering threats. At his home his actions aroused the suspicion of his wife, who telephoned to the plant. Not heeding the warning, the manager failed to tell Watkins to look out for the Syrian.

About 2 o'clock he was back walking into the boiler room, he confronted Watkins, revolver in hand. Just as he pressed the trigger the negro struck the extended arm down. The leaden ball plowed its way beneath the skin and lodged against a rib. The negro fled for safety. Taking deliberate aim, Kouri again fired. The second bullet hit the fleeing man in the back between the shoulders. The wound, while serious is not necessarily fatal.

R. Mesley Davis, manager of the plant, was an eyewitness to the assault. He called in the police and summoned the city ambulance. Watkins was given attention by Dr. H. Taylor, Hawkins and rushed to the City Hospital for further treatment. The brick yards are just beyond the corporate limits. Although not having jurisdiction, Captain A. S. Wright did his best to capture Kouri. After traveling three miles through fields he abandoned the chase in favor of County Officers A. T. Taylor and George Jarrell. The search was unsuccessful and was given up at dark. The Petersburg and Richmond police have been notified.

Kouri is about five feet seven inches in height. He weighs 160 pounds and is dark complexioned. He is married and lives at 1912 West Carr Street. He is said to be of an excitable nature and while he is said to have called upon Mr. Davis and to have inquired concerning the condition of Watkins, he announced his intention to report to the plant this morning.

### DOWDY QUILTS COMPANY

Is Second Fireman to Leave Southside Company Within a Week.

George Dowdy, engine driver, stationed with Engine Company No. 12, quit the service yesterday morning without the formality of handing in his resignation. He, however, left the engine house without consulting Captain Herman Cooby, and went to the office of Chief William Joyner, where he stated his grievance personally. He refused to serve the customary five days' notice required of all firemen leaving the department. The reasons for his action were not made public.

Dowdy is the second fireman to leave the Southside department in the past week. Last Friday morning Clarence C. Wright resigned his position. He, too, took the matter up personally with the chief instead of sending the resignation through the usual channels. Rumors of trouble in the company were rife. They led to an investigation by Chief Joyner and Assistant Chief Ratto. After a rigid examination of every member of the company, they discovered no foundation to the reports of dissension. Their findings were made to the Board of Fire Commissioners and forestalled an official investigation.

**School Children Helping Poor.**  
Many a poor family on the Southside will be made happier on Christmas morning by means of a keen but friendly rivalry among the pupils of the Southside public schools. The children of the different grades are bringing donations of groceries, vegetables and other eatable to the school, and each room is eager to attain the honor of having the best filled barrel. The food will be turned over to the King's daughters for distribution.

To-day's session of the schools will

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### THE HUSTINGS COURT.

Three criminal cases will come up before Judge Ernest H. Wells, in Hustings Court, Part 2, this morning. Eddie Pegram and Ralph Whitte, both colored, will be placed on trial on indictments charging them with having broken into the saloon of Moore & Burke, 2113 Hull Street. B. P. Sale will be tried for forgery. He was sent on from Police Court, Part 2, after pleading guilty to signing the name of the Union Trust and Bag Company to a check for \$22.50, which he cashed at the store of S. T. Covestone. He will be represented by McClister & Morris.

### FUNERAL OF MRS. O'BRIEN TO-DAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Jennie O'Brien, widow of John O'Brien, who died Wednesday night at her home, 204 Co. ward Avenue, will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Maude Memorial Episcopal Church. The services will be conducted by the Rev. P. Ernest Warren. The interment will be in Maury Cemetery.

### General News Notes.

The next regular meeting night of Liberty Council No. 12, A. O. U. A. M. falls on Christmas eve, and for that reason it has been postponed for one week.

The Virginia Railway and Power Company has started a force of men at work welding the tracks on upper Hull Street. The tracks in the lower portion of the city were treated more than a year ago. The welding of the joints prevents jolting and saves wear and tear on the cars.

Thirteen possums, which will later decorate the festive board at the annual St. John's night banquet of Manchester Lodge, No. 14, A. O. U. A. M., are being fattened up by Edward M. G. Slaughter. The animals will be the chief course at the supper. The custom has been handed down in this lodge for more than a century.

B. H. Morrisette is confined to his home in Swansboro by a slight sickness.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Richmond Democratic Club will be held to-night in Fraternal Hall. All members are requested to be present.

### Southsider Married in Burkeville.

For consanguinity interest to Southsiders was the marriage yesterday in Burkeville, Va., of Miss Lillian Pearl Hamilton, of this place, to John James Pollard, of this city. The ceremony was performed at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Pollard left immediately for Jacksonville, Fla. They will be at home to their friends at 506 West Twelfth Street after January 1.

### At Ashbury Methodist Church.

At Ashbury Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday the pastor, Rev. J. R. Eggleston, will preach at both services, taking for his morning theme "The Prince of Peace," and at night "True Glorification." The choir will render special music at both services. Morning—Voluntary, "When All Thy Mercies" (Fillmore), hymn No. 197, Gloria (German), Offertory, "Unto You is Born This Day" (German), Response, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," hymn No. 115, hymn No. 257, Evening—Voluntary, "Comfort Ye, My People" (Hayes), hymn No. 141; Response, "Speak to My Soul Dear Jesus," Offertory, "Where is He" (Danks), hymn No. 142 and hymn No. 143. Choir: sopranos—Mrs. W. J. Williams, Mrs. Oscar B. Harris, Mrs. H. J. Perdue, Mrs. R. P. Taylor, Misses Mabel Neister and Nellie Smith, Altos—Mrs. J. S. Renner and Misses Martha and Juliet Renner, Tenors—Messrs. Walter Dent, R. P. Taylor, B. G. Harry and Charles Purdy, Basses—Messrs. W. K. Renner, H. J. Perdue and F. S. Jones. Pianist—Miss Bettie Perdue. Organist, Miss Thelma Belcher. First violin, Mr. J. L. Turner; second violin, Mr. Clifford East. Musical director, Mr. J. S. Renner.

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## NO RENT CHARGED AGAINST BRYAN

Committee Would Refund to Baraca Class Payment for Auditorium.

MAY LEAD TO OTHER REBATES

Committee Engages in Annual Scramble for Park Appropriations.

A refund of the rent paid for the City Auditorium for the William J. Bryan lecture of last night was recommended to the Council by the Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings last night. The lecture, for which there was an admission fee of from 50 to 75 cents, was given under the auspices of the Baraca Class of the Grove Avenue Baptist Church. It being represented that that organization would receive one-half of the proceeds, out of which it was to pay all expenses, including hall rent and advertising. The ordinance governing the use of the Auditorium provides for a charge of \$50 per night for use by those who charge an admission, and this rate has uniformly been charged for musical and other entertainments.

Jesse F. Wood, president of the Baraca Union, in a letter, asked for a refund of this amount, on account of the charitable uses to which the Baraca Class will put its portion of the proceeds.

**May Rebate Other Charges.**  
The committee was divided on the subject, Mr. Atkinson favoring adherence to the ordinance on the subject, which provides a fixed schedule of rates. President Peters, of the Common Council, thought the rebate in the present instance was a proper one, but spoke against the general policy of renting the hall to musical and other organizations, operated for profit at lower rates than are charged by the public halls and theatres of the city, which pay both taxes and licenses.

Mr. Unlaur, though voting for the refund, gave notice that at the next meeting of the committee he would present a schedule of all churches and charitable organizations using the auditorium in the past, and that he would advocate a rebate in all such cases, making in all a considerable appropriation. Entirely aside from the cost of the building, land and fittings, the auditorium is maintained at considerable annual cost to the city, since a keeper is employed for all his time, and the building has to be heated, cleaned and lighted for each performance.

**Scramble for Park Funds.**  
The Committee on Grounds and Buildings then engaged in its annual scramble for park funds. It appeared from the report of City Engineer Bolling that of the annual appropriation made for the maintenance of all parks in the city, there remained about \$600. Instantly every member was on his feet, asking something for his park.

A bit of granolithic hero and of gravel there was ordered until the fund had been all but spent, when the City Engineer was directed to expend the balance in walkways about the dwelling of Keeper Pat Lane in Joseph Bryan Park, the chief object of the appropriation for that park in the past several years having been to furnish and equip a suitable dwelling house for the keeper, with electric lights, telephone and other conveniences.

### SENATE FLOODED BY APPOINTMENTS

(Continued From First Page.)

Grange, Catawissa, Paul J. A. McSparran, President of the Farmers' Educational Union, Union City, Ga. T. J. Brown, Penn.; Max May, vice-president of the Guaranty Trust Company, New York City; E. D. Harbert, Merchants' Loan and Trust Company, Chicago; John Kirby, Jr., president of the National Manufacturing Association, Dayton, Ohio; Thomas F. Meyer, president of the Wholesale Druggists' Association, St. Louis, and H. E. Miles, Racine, Wis.

**Fined for Using Firearms.**  
Thomas Angelo was fined \$1 in Police Court yesterday morning for exploding fireworks in the street.



## Come on Little Boys and Girls Music and a Present for Everybody at the Children's Christmas Festival

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**DECEMBER 27th.**

### STIEFF AUDITORIUM

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## PLOT TO DYNAMITE GOVERNMENT MINT

Plans to Destroy Federal Building at Denver Are Discovered.

Denver, December 19.—A plot to dynamite the Denver mint, where approximately \$900,000 is stored, was frustrated by the discovery of the plans two weeks ago on the door of the public comfort station near the Federal building.

It became known to-day that the plans had been turned over to Federal officials, and that Washington authorities had ordered the doubling of guards at the mint. It had been planned to wreck the building with nitroglycerine. Nothing tending to identify the conspirators has been found.

**Not Disturbed.**

Washington, December 19.—Director of the Mint George H. Roberts is not seriously disturbed over the plot to blow up the Denver mint with dynamite. The plans of the proposed dynamiting plot were received by Mr. Roberts some time ago. They were written on two sheets of paper the author of which was not disclosed, and according to Mr. Roberts outlined the plot in a vague way. It did not show how the plot was to be carried out, Mr. Roberts said, and looked to him a good deal like a scheme to create a sensation.

After he had scrutinized the plans carefully Mr. Roberts advised the superintendent of the Denver mint to take special precautions.

## PRESIDENT IS OFF FOR PANAMA CANAL

Now En Route to Key West, Where He Will Board Dreadnought Arkansas.

Washington, December 19.—President Taft left at 10:30 o'clock to-night over the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for Key West, Fla., to sail on Saturday on the Dreadnought Arkansas for Colon. After a three days' inspection of the Panama Canal the President will return to Key West. He is due in Washington again December 31.

The President left suffering from a slight, but persistent cold. The trip South, it was believed, would cure it. Although it already has shown signs of yielding to treatment, before going aboard his private car the President attended the cabinet dinner given by Secretary of State Knox.

Mrs. Taft, Charles Taft, their younger son, the secretary to the President and Mrs. Hilkey, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Beskman, Winthrop, Major Thomas L. Rhoads, U. S. A., and Lieutenant-Commander John N. Timmons, U. S. N., aides to the President; three Secret Service men, and a White House stenographer, comprised the official party, which will board the Arkansas. Two railroad officials and half dozen newspaper men who accompanied the President, will be quartered on the battleship Delaware, designated to act as convoy on the voyage to and from the Isthmus.

En route to Key West the President's train will stop at Jacksonville and Miami, Fla. In Jacksonville the President will attend a reception and make a speech, and at Miami he will talk to citizens from the rear platform of his car. He will deliver another address in Key West before he boards the Arkansas.

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